

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicant: Akihiro FUNAKOSHI et al.  
Title: A PREVENTIVE OR THERAPEUTIC AGENT FOR  
PANCREATITIS COMPRISING IL-6 ANTAGONIST AS  
AN ACTIVE INGREDIENT  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Advisory Action dated March 28, 2007 and the Final Office Action dated August 16, 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicants have enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: